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July 17, 2020

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REPORT BACK ON TEMPORARY OUTDOOR DINING SPACES (ITEM NO. 55A, AGENDA OF JUNE 9, 2020)

On June 9, 2020, a motion by Supervisors Hahn and Barger directed the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to collaborate with various Los Angeles County (County) departments and stakeholders to develop Countywide guidelines for the implementation of temporary outdoor dining spaces within unincorporated County areas, including public sidewalks, alleys, and within the road right-of-way, similar to parklets, as well as private on-site and off-site parking facilities. The Board also directed County departments to develop a request system that allows property owners and restaurant tenants to apply for a temporary designation of curbside or a road segment to be established for delivery and pick-up zones. Further, the directive was for a streamlined permit process to be established for free or at low cost. In response to the motion, CEO convened various departments and stakeholders such as Public Works, Public Health, Consumer and Business Affairs, Regional Planning, Treasurer and Tax Collector, Beaches and Harbors, County Counsel, and the Restaurant and Hospitality Sector Lead for the County's Economic Resiliency Task Force. Given the time needed to address the various directives in the motion, CEO was granted a 15-day extension to report back.

On July 1, 2020, California Governor Gavin Newsom announced that 19 counties, including Los Angeles County, were required to close indoor dining for restaurants as well as other indoor businesses/operations. This change resulted from the dramatic increase in the number of COVID-19 positive cases. The order was to be effective for three weeks, but could be extended, if necessary. On the same date, the County's Health Officer issued a similar order to align with the Governor's announcement, to close specific activities and business sectors in the County, including indoor operations for restaurants.

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On July 7, 2020, another motion by Supervisors Hahn and Barger was approved that directed the fast-tracking of outdoor dining guidelines in the County's unincorporated areas as outlined in their earlier June 9, 2020 motion. The Board directed the fast-tracking of the outdoor dining guidelines as a direct result of the Governor's announcement and because the COVID-19 crisis required emergency action to provide impacted restaurants with appropriate guidance to utilize outdoor spaces in order to alleviate the threat of viral spread posed by indoor dining. To address this, the Board approved a resolution, pursuant to Government Code section 8634, with respect to the fast-tracking of outdoor dining guidelines for unincorporated County areas and delegated authority to permit issuing departments to take all actions necessary to issue temporary permits at low or no cost to the applicant, for the implementation of temporary outdoor dining.

On July 9, 2020, Public Works and Regional Planning began accepting applications for outdoor sidewalk dining within the road right-of-way, on private property, as well as for temporary food pick-up zones. The parklet and alley and road closure components of the newly developed COVID-19 Temporary Outdoor Dining Program became effective on July 13, 2020. The application form for these permits can be found on Public Works' Temporary Outdoor Dining site at <https://pw.lacounty.gov/outdoor-dining/> and is also routed to Public Works from the County's COVID-19 webpage at www.covid19.lacounty.gov. Also posted are program-specific instructions for online submittal as well as the official guidelines for all available permits.

If you have any questions, please contact Erika Bonilla of my staff at (213) 974-9689 or ebonilla@ceo.lacounty.gov or Chia-Ann Yen at (213) 893-1217 or cyan@ceo.lacounty.gov.

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